

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to letter submitted 5/23/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-29,31-41,43-76,78-80 and 82-99.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 1-2, 4-29, 31-41, 43-76, 78-80 and 82-99 are pending.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Brand (Reg# 41,633) on 6 July 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 50. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the parser parses the packet data based on a data protocol.

Claim 53. A method for selectively encrypting data for transmission over a network, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of packets;

examining the data of each received packet to identify a plurality of portions that include at least a payload portion and a non-payload portion;

determining if at least one of the payload portion is to be encrypted by examining the at least one payload portion to recognize a predefined data type, and if the at least one payload portion is to be encrypted, encrypting the at least one payload portion; at least the non-payload portion of the packet to remain unencrypted, wherein the plurality of portions of encrypted payload and unencrypted non-payload for a packet being combined after such encryption determination.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2, 4-29, 31-41, 43-76,78-80 and 82-99 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior art, Wasilewski US Patent No. 5,420,866 and Davis et al US Patent No. 6,931,532 fail to teach the determining of whether to encrypt a payload portion of packet data by examining the payload portion of the packet data to recognize a predefined data type (See Applicant's Remarks submitted pages 17-18). Instead, the cited references correlate packets to an application based upon process identifiers without examining the payload and determine if encryption is proper based upon the process identifiers and examine XML documents (not packet related) to determine if encryption is proper.

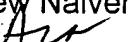
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew L. Nalven whose telephone number is 571 272 3839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8-6, Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques Louis-Jacques can be reached on 571 272 6962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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